# Managing Menstruation in Mongolia's Schools

**2014**

UNICEF launches a global movement to encourage governments to make schools more comfortable, safe and dignified places for menstruating students by 2024.

**2016**

A UNICEF study reports that Mongolian girls are at risk for depression and absenteeism due to menstrual management challenges. It recommends improving washroom facilities in schools and dormitories, increasing access to menstrual health products, and implementing a national program to fully address girls' sanitary needs.

**2018**

The U.N. Office for Human Rights recommends the Mongolian government prioritize providing menstrual supplies to schools and dormitories.

**2020**

An Asian Development Bank report finds that lack of privacy and adequate supplies in school washroom facilities increases the likelihood of absenteeism and dropouts.

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**2021**

A survey by the Green Climate Fund, part of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, confirms that it remains difficult for girls in Mongolia's dormitories to manage their menstruation.

The need for menstrual supplies and toilet paper in school bathrooms is raised at multiple convenings, including the Girls Bright Future conference, a gathering of more than 400 teenagers organized in Orkhon province by the local government and Erdenet Soroptimist, a nongovernmental organization.

**2022**

Thirteen women members of Mongolia's parliament submit a budget proposal to provide free menstrual supplies in schools and dormitories, as well as a tax exemption and price reduction for these types of products. A working group is conducting a feasibility study, which may inform a draft law.

On their own, students begin installing and stocking menstrual supply kits in school and dormitory bathrooms.